

Affairs obligation to assist veterans in filing claims for benefits, and H.R. 3193, Duty to Assist Veterans Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Joseph Thompson, Under Secretary, Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

## CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Child Protection Issues. Testimony was heard from Senators DeWine and Rockefeller; Representative Pryce of Ohio; Kristine Ragaglia, Commissioner, Department of Children and Families, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

## SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFICIARIES—WORK INCENTIVES FOR BLIND AND DISABLED

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Work Incentives for Blind and Disabled Social Security Beneficiaries. Testimony was heard from: Representative Ehrlich; Susan Daniels, Deputy Commissioner, Disability and Income Security Program, SSA; Barbara Bovbjerg, Associate Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, Health, Education and Human Services Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

## INTELLIGENCE MATTERS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold hearings on the National Security Agency Legal Authorities and on the Consolidated Cryptologic Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### ORGANIZED CRIME AND CORRUPTION

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki):* Commission concluded hearings on the impact of organized crime and corruption on democratic and economic reform in southeast Europe and Central Asia, regional and international efforts to address this threat, and the effect it has on United States security, economic and political interests, after receiving testimony from Rob Boone, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; James K. Weber, Deputy Assistant Director, International Operations Branch, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; John Tennant, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, U.S. Agency for International Development; Adrian Karatnycky, Freedom House, New York, New York; and Nancy Lubin, JNA Associates, Inc., Washington, D.C.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2000

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on DOD policies and programs to combat terrorism, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* to hold oversight hearings to examine rising oil prices, Executive Branch policy, and U.S. security implications, 10 a.m., SD-342.

### House

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the Department of Energy's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2001, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on "Key Differences Between Public-Private-Sector CIO'S", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 27 through April 1, 2000

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will begin consideration of S.J. Res. 14, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, with certain amendments to be proposed thereto.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of S.J. Res. 14, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, with votes on or in relation to the pending amendments to occur beginning at 2:15 p.m.

During the remainder of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Special Committee on Aging:* March 27, to hold hearings to examine income taxes, focusing on solutions to the Social Security and Medicare crisis, 2 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Appropriations:* March 28, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with mind body and alternative medicines, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 28, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Driver's

Privacy Protection Act, focusing on the positive notification requirement, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 29, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

March 29, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 30, Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for Treasury Law Enforcement Bureaus, 9 a.m., SD-192.

March 30, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

March 30, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* March 28, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine the current state of deployment of hi-speed Internet technologies, focusing on rural areas, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

March 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with sports gambling, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

March 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1361, to amend the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 to provide for an expanded Federal program of hazard mitigation, relief, and insurance against the risk of catastrophic natural disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 28, with the Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold joint hearings to examine United States dependency on foreign oil, 3 p.m., SH-216.

March 29, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

March 29, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 1778, to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade Reservoir, S. 1894, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Park County, Wyoming, and S. 1969, to provide for improved management of, and increases accountability for, outfitted activities by which the public gains access to and occupancy and use of Federal land, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

March 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 882, to strengthen provisions in the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and the Federal Nonnuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 with respect to potential Climate Change; and S. 1776, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to revise the energy policies of the United States in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, advance global climate science, promote technology development, and increase citizen awareness, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

March 30, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the President's October 1999 announcement to review approximately 40 million acres of national forest lands for increased protection, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

March 31, Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of Energy's findings at the Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Paducah, Kentucky, and plans for cleanup at the site, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* March 28, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for the Environmental Protection Agency's clean air programs and the Army Corps of Engineers wetlands programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

March 30, Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment, to hold hearings on the Administration's fiscal year 2001 budget for programs with the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* March 29, to resume hearings to examine the inclusion of a prescription drug benefit in the Medicare program, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 28, to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with Iran and Iraq, focusing on the future of nonproliferation policy, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

March 28, Full Committee, with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold joint hearings to examine United States dependency on foreign oil, 3 p.m., SH-216.

March 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the need for nonproliferation policy innovations, 9:30 a.m., D-430.

March 30, Full Committee, meeting to discuss crucial issues before the United Nations, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* March 28, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold oversight hearings to examine settlements between the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) and certain Medicare providers and whether these settlements conform to HCFA regulations, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

March 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings on how to structure government to meet the challenges of the millennium, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

March 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Alan Craig Kessler, of Pennsylvania, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service; and Carol Waller Pope, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* March 28, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings on child safety on the Internet, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* March 29, to hold hearings on S. 1967, to make technical corrections to the status of certain land held in trust for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, to take certain land into trust for that

Band; S. 1507, to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments; and S. 1509, to amend the Indian Employment, Training, and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992, to emphasize the need for job creation on Indian reservations, 2:30 p.m., SR-485.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* March 29, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

March 30, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* March 28, Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings to examine cyber attacks, focusing on removing roadblocks to investigation and information sharing, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 29, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Dr. Peter Lee case, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

March 30, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 30, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine racial profiling within law enforcement agencies, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* March 29, to hold hearings to examine Presidential primaries and campaign finance, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

March 30, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings on the operations of the Architect of the Capitol, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Small Business:* March 28, to hold hearings to examine the extent of office supply scams, including toner-phoner schemes, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

### House Chamber

To Be Announced.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* March 29, hearing to review federal farm policy, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* March 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Interior, oversight on Forest Service Research, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Departmental Management Panel and Inspectors General Panel, 10 a.m., on the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the National Labor Relations Board, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., and on National Archives, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Selective Service System, 9:30 a.m., on Office of Science and Technology Policy, 10:30 a.m., and on National Credit Union Association, 11:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 29, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, on Bureau of the Census, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn, and on the FCC and the SEC, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 29, Subcommittee on Defense, on Congressional and Public Witnesses, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 29, Subcommittee on Interior, on National Park Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Railroad Retirement Board, and Institute of Museum and Library Services, 10 a.m., and on National Education Goals Panel, and Armed Forces Retirement Home, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on GSA and the Administrative Office of the Courts, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 29, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on the EPA, 9:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, on NOAA, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 30, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Bureau of Reclamation, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Interior, oversight on Department of Energy—Conservation Financial Management and Contracting, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on SSA and National Council on Disability, 10 a.m., and on Corporation for National and Community Service, National Mediation Board, and U.S. Institute of Peace, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on NASA, 9:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce,* March 29, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Competition in the New Electronic Market: Part 1, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, to mark up H.R. 3301, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to children's health, 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, oversight hearing to receive the report of the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce, 2:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2335, Hydroelectric Licensing Process Improvement Act of 1999; H.R. 1262, to provide that existing facilities located on the Pentwater River in Michigan, are not required to be licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under part 1 of the Federal Power Act; H.R. 3852, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alabama; S. 422, to provide for Alaska state Jurisdiction over small hydroelectric projects; S. 334, to amend the Federal Power Act to remove the

jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to license projects on fresh waters in the State of Hawaii; S. 1236, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for commencement of the construction of the Arrowrock Dam Hydroelectric Project in the State of Idaho; and S. 1937, to amend the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act to provide for sales of electricity by the Bonneville Power Administration to join operating entities, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials and the Subcommittee on Health and Environment, joint hearing on the EPA's Proposed Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2001, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, March 27, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations, hearing on Agent Orange: Status of the Air Force's Ranch Hand Study, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on EEO Data and Complaint Processing Problems, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, March 29, to hold a hearing on the Federal Election Commission authorization, 3 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, March 28, hearing on Munitions List Export Licensing Issues, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, March 28 and 30, to continue markup of H.R. 1304, Quality Health-Care Coalition Act of 1999; and to mark up the following: H.R. 3767, Visa Waiver Permanent Program Act; H.R. 371, Hmong Veteran's Naturalization Act of 1999; H.R. 3125, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1999; H.R. 3660, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2000; and private relief bills, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 29, oversight hearing on Solutions to Competitive Problems in the Oil Industry, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 2964, Bounty Hunter Responsibility Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on H.R. 3380, Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, March 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 2753, Abandoned Mine Restoration Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 28, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the Administration's Budget Request for NOAA/NMFS for Fiscal Year 2001, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 28, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on Eleventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Conven-

tion on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 28, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on H.R. 4021, Dillonwood Giant Sequoia Grove Park Expansion Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 29, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3160, Common Sense Protections for Endangered Species Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 30, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3176, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine ways of restoring the natural wetlands conditions in the Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge, Hawaii; and H.R. 3292, to provide for the establishment of the Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 30, Subcommittee on National Parks, and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2919, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center Act; and H.R. 3241, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to recalculate the franchise fee owed by Fort Sumter Tours, Inc., a concessioner providing service to Fort Sumter National Monument in South Carolina, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 30, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on California Central Valley Project (CVP) Operations and the CALFED Program, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, March 28, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on the Changing Face of Healthcare in the Electronic Age, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Authorization Request: NOAA, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, March 28, Subcommittee on Empowerment, hearing on Bridging the Technological Gap: Initiatives to Combat the Digital Divide, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, March 29, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on the Coast Guard icebreaking mission, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management, hearing on Preparedness Against Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, March 28, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the 2000 Tax Return Filing Season and the IRS Budget for Fiscal Year 2001, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 30, full Committee, hearing on the Future of the World Trade Organization, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.